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Sent: Tuesday, August 19, 2008 10:30 AM
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Subject: FW: hearing pursuant to 26 S.C. Code

From: Gates, Nina
Sent: Tuesday, August 19, 2008 10:30 AM
To: 'Cassandra Fralix'
Subject: RE: hearing pursuant to 26 S.C. Code

Dear Ms. Fralix

This is to acknowledge receipt of your e-mails to Chairman Fleming and Commissioner Mitchell.

I am forwarding your e-mails to our Docketing Department for handling. Your e-mail will become a part of Docket No. 2008-196-E and will be posted on our website under this Docket.

Please let me know if you should require any additional information.

Sincerely,

Nina Gates, Administrative Coordinator for
Chairman Elizabeth B. Fleming, Commissioner Randy Mitchell & Commissioner G. O'Neal Hamilton

From: Cassandra Fralix [mailto:cfralix@windstream.net]
Sent: Saturday, August 16, 2008 1:05 PM
To: Commissioner.Mitchell
Subject: hearing pursuant to 26 S.C. Code

Dear Commissioner Mitchell:

At a time when alternative energies are providing a cost effective way to address energy problems, the nuclear industry is racing to get public funds for nuclear power plants that the Nuclear Regulatory Commission says is "based on standardized designs that have massive holes in them, and may not be ready for approval for years to come."

I would like to express my displeasure at the recent proposal to increase our utility rate to pay for these plants that forces electric consumers to pay billions of dollars for nuclear plants that may never operate, and whose costs are indeterminate.

By raising costs of South Carolinians-- many of whom can't afford alternative energies-- consumers who have the financial ability will seek alternative energy to defray these substantial increases, thus creating a declining base of customers. Consequently, this action will cause a decline in public utilities that ultimately will need to be subsidized by increased taxes.

It is my understanding that the PSC's objective is to make sure consumers receive some of their most essential services — electric, natural gas, telephone, water, and wastewater — in a safe, affordable, and reliable manner. Giving the nuclear industry this increase is in clear violation of our trust.

Sincerely,

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